



Loudoun News

Report from Scott K. York

Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

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Message from Chairman Scott K. York



Dear Friends:

I was honored to join with residents for a candlelight vigil and ceremony held on the Town Green in Leesburg on September 11. It was a solemn, moving event and I am grateful that I was able to participate.

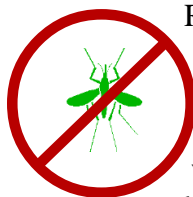
Mosquitoes have been very much in the news lately and I remind all residents and business owners that our mutual successful efforts to fight mosquito infestation begins around our home properties and businesses.

Listed below please find some helpful hints from our the Loudoun County Health Department on how you can help us "Fight the Bite". Removing standing water from our properties e.g. bird baths etc. will go a long way in helping -- please remain vigilant in this important effort.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts and suggestions.

Scott K. York
Chairman

Help "Fight the Bite"



Residents help in fighting against mosquito infestation by reducing breeding grounds around their homes and businesses. People can prevent mosquitoes from breeding by turning over or removing containers where water collects such as old tires, potted plant trays, buckets and toys. People also should clean birdbaths and wading pools once a week, clean roof gutters and downspout screens regularly, and eliminate standing water on flat roofs.

In addition, the Health Department recommends the following tips to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:

- Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing.
- Use insect repellent products with no more than 35 percent DEET for adults and less than 10 percent for children. Follow instructions when using insect repellents.
- Turn over or remove containers in your yard where water collects, such as old tires, potted plant trays, buckets and toys.
- Eliminate standing water on tarps or flat roofs.
- Clean out birdbaths and wading pools once a week.
- Clean roof gutters and downspout screens regularly.

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Remembering September 11th



The following is the text of my remarks given on September 11th in Leesburg:

“Tonight we stand here not as individuals, but as Americans.

A people from all backgrounds, race, color and religion, who share a common bond – that we are indeed one nation – a proud people who share the dreams that our founding fathers and mothers gave birth to more than 220 years ago.

There is no feeling person who has not been impacted in some way by the events of last September 11th. The images are etched in our minds forever. We remember the victims and their families in our hearts and in our prayers. We are grateful to the brave rescue personnel who performed so valiantly.

For those who believed that their criminal acts would harm America, they were wrong! They sorely misunderstood the character of the American people.

For they did not understand that we are the children of those who fought against tyranny since colonial times. We are the children of those who fought in the trenches of World War I. We are the children of those brave fighters of Iwo Jima and Normandy. We are the children of the brave soldiers who fought in Korea, Vietnam, Somalia, the Persian Gulf and now in Afghanistan.

The true lasting monument of September 11th is in the faces of all of you here this evening and in the faces of Americans all across this nation. That we as Americans, though deeply scarred by these horrific events, are stronger, united and determined in purpose to see that the dream started so many years ago continues on – and that America remains as former President Ronald Reagan said, “as that shining city on top of the hill.”

Thank you, God Bless you, God Bless our brave men and women in uniform and God Bless America.”

Douglas County Officials Visit Loudoun

The County Administrator and other officials from Douglas County, Colorado, the fastest growing County in the nation, visited Loudoun County recently.

The two-day visit came after Douglas County Administrator

Doug DeBord saw a customer service presentation made by Loudoun County staff at the 2002 Transforming Local Government Conference sponsored by the Innovations Group earlier this year.

DeBord said he was impressed by the presentation and wanted to learn more about Loudoun County. “I was struck by the similarities of the two counties, Douglas and Loudoun,” DeBord

said. “In Douglas County, we’re getting ready to update our strategic plan and we want to do a better job in internal communication, which

leads to better customer service, and Loudoun County is an exemplary model of that.”



I am proud that Loudoun County is seen as such a model in providing excellent customer service to our residents. I believe that both counties have a lot to learn from each other and am pleased that they found their visit in Loudoun to be helpful in their efforts to update their strategic plan. It is from meetings such as these that we have the opportunity to learn from others facing the same challenges.

